

Treasury Department

April 5<sup>th</sup> 1854

Sir

As the Board of Supervising Inspectors of Steam Boats, will meet in this city on the 6<sup>th</sup> inst, I will be obliged to you if you will communicate to this Department the result of your experiments with the fumble alloys, so far as you have proceeded in them, together with any other information in relation thereto, which you think will be useful. It is expected that the Board will be in session for about two weeks.

Very Respectfully

James Buchanan

Secy of Treasury.

To

James C. Berth

Melter & Refiner

U. S. Mint

Philadelphia

my expts., delayed for want of Metal, briquette scarce

Supervisor of N. Y. deferred to after their meeting, because they w<sup>d</sup> decide as to manner of use

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James Guthrie

Washington D.C.